



# REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH

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OF THE

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OF SHILDON

FOR THE YEAR

1964



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1964

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### *Public Health Inspector:*

W. K. HILL, M.B.E., M.P.H.I.A.

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K. ROBSON

### *Pupil Public Health Inspector:*

G. SEWELL

### *Clerical Assistant:*

S. THOMPSON

# Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1964

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District for the year 1964.

The Vital Statistics compare quite favourably with the previous year with the exception of the Infant Mortality Rate.

The Birth Rate is higher. The Still Birth Rate is very low, 4.14 in comparison with 30.55 in 1963. The Death Rate is lower and is very little higher than that for the County. There were 157 deaths as against 171 in 1963—the population having decreased by 80. Of these 157 deaths, 48 died aged 70-80; 35 between 80-90 and 1 was 95.

The Infant Mortality Rate is very much higher—almost double that of last year. There were 7 deaths in comparison with 4 in 1963. Of these 7 infant deaths, 2 died from malformation, 3 from infection—1 of these was a Phenylketonuric with congenital dislocation of the hip; 1 from Anoxia and 1 from neonatal asphyxia. Again, of these 7 deaths, 2 died within hours of birth; 1 died at 4 weeks; 1 at 5 weeks; 1 at 6 weeks; 1 at 10 months and 1 at 11 months.

Cancer of all parts of the body increased by 5, Cancer of the Lung or Bronchus increased to 8 in comparison with 5 in 1963. This is the national trend. There is still considered to be a strong link between Cancer of the Lung and cigarette smoking.

Deaths due to conditions of the heart and vascular system numbered 61—a decrease of 12 on last year. Diabetes accounted for the same number of deaths as last year—4. There were 7 from pneumonia and 8 from bronchitis. Last year these figures were 8 and 6. There were 3 suicides. Accidents numbered 6 as against 3 in 1963.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis but 4 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis continues to be carried out each year in the schools. The response is good and I would like to thank all Head Teachers for their excellent co-operation.

The Headquarters of the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit was transferred to Middlesbrough and, due to this upset, it was not possible for the unit to visit the Shildon Area.

The number of notifications of infectious disease numbered 225, less than half of last year—Measles accounted for 148.

There were only 2 cases of Whooping Cough, but there were 30 of Scarlet Fever. There were 10 notifications of Dysentery in comparison with 3 last year.

Towards the end of the year, there was a Salmonella Blockley infection in a family of 4. The baby was very ill and had to be admitted to hospital. This infection proved resistant to treatment but did clear up eventually. No satisfactory reason was found for the source of the infection apart from the fact that the husband—a lorry driver—had visited Aberdeen where, I understand from the Public Health Laboratory, Salmonella Blockley had been found around that period.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis continues to be offered in the Schools as well as in Clinics and General Practitioner's Surgeries. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Tetanus is similarly offered. The response is quite good.

Home Helps were supplied to 148 houses during the year.

A Meals on Wheels Service started at the beginning of the year. The W.V.S. are very kindly carrying out these duties. Dinners are supplied twice per week to 24 persons.

A Luncheon Club was commenced for men and women of 70 years and over. The age limit was to prevent too large a waiting list. The age could be lowered if and when necessary. It is held once a week in 2 separate parts of the town—thereby catering for the residents of Old and New Shildon. From 20-25 people have a lunch in each of the premises. We would like to thank the Committees of the Old Shildon and New Shildon Workmen's Clubs for the free use of their halls.

Towards the end of the year, a Chiropody Service was started once per fortnight for persons of pensionable age. It is a County Service and we are grateful to the Red Cross Members who are being responsible for the running of it. All three services are much appreciated by Shildon's senior people.

Fittings are still being renewed on the Jubilee Field Estate in those houses where difficulties are being encountered in respect of the water supply. These have now diminished in number and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the beginning of next year.

64 houses were built by the Council in 1964.

The introduction of Standard Grants has given many people the opportunity for modernising their homes and providing the amenities required under this Act. Unfortunately, in this area, over 80% of the houses are of a two bedroom type and it has been felt for some considerable time that the adaption of the second bedroom for a bathroom has resulted in the loss of adequate housing accommodation and could lead to subsequent

overcrowding. The introduction during the year of the "Upper Limit" in which it was stated that a local authority, where satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable to provide a bathroom except by building a new structure on to the dwelling or converting outbuildings attached to the dwelling, could substitute for the fixed sum of £25 0s. 0d. a sum equal to half the reasonable cost of providing a bathroom in this way has meant a marked improvement in the standards of housing accommodation.

A meeting was held with the officers from the Regional Office of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government with this particular question in mind and agreement was reached that this particular "Upper Limit" could be applied in these circumstances applicable to the Shildon Area with the result that the majority of applicants are now taking advantage of this and providing the necessary amenities without loss of bedroom accommodation.

During the year, the Council again considered the introduction of a Clean Air Zone in their area and for this purpose, decided to seek the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's approval for the remaining area on the Jubilee Fields Estate, to be classified as a Clean Air Zone. This area was already designated for the introduction of Parkray fireplaces in the houses together with Central Heating, such fireplaces burning hard coke. The intention behind the operation was to ultimately convert the whole area into a smokeless zone and then to progress throughout the Urban District. Such approval was not granted by the Minister and the matter was then taken up with his Regional Officers at Newcastle. One of the difficulties in this area is the lack of fuels suitable for open fires which are smokeless and it was pointed out by the Minister's representatives that, to establish a Smoke Control Zone, such as desired by the Council would mean a phased programme for the rest of the town with its subsequent high costs in respect of fireplaces. In other words, occupiers of houses would have to have either an enclosed stove or gas or electric fires. The cost of this is estimated to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  times greater than that in which open fires can be fixed and this would, of course, represent a much higher rate fund contribution.

This is to be a Council decision as to the limitations of expenditure but enquiries are still being made with regard to the installation of a suitable open fireplace which can be installed at a much cheaper cost and which will burn hard coke. It is anticipated that during the following year, 1965, this problem will have been solved and the whole programme reviewed with a view to implementing a Clean Air Act throughout the area.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures for the Area at Mid 1964, show the resident population as 13,940, this being a decrease of 80 in comparison with the previous year. The Comparability Factors for Shildon are:—

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Births | 1.03 |
| Deaths | 1.23 |

|                           |      |        |                |
|---------------------------|------|--------|----------------|
| <b>Live Births</b>        | Male | Female |                |
| Number                    | 134  | 97     | = 231          |
| Rate per 1,000 population |      |        | 17.2 Standard. |

**Illegitimate Live Births** (per cent. of total live births): 3.03%

### Still Births:

|                                             |      |        |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|--------|------|
|                                             | Male | Female |      |
| Number                                      | 1    | —      | = 1  |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: |      |        | 4.44 |

### Total Live and Still Births:

|                 |      |        |       |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|
|                 | Male | Female | Total |
| Live            | 134  | 97     | 231   |
| Still Births    | 1    | —      | 1     |
| Rate per 1,000: |      |        | 17.14 |

### Infants Deaths (deaths under one year):

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4 | 7 |
|---|---|---|

### Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births: 37.27

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births:  
38.44

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births:  
Nil

**Neo-Natal Mortality Rate** (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births): 10.65

**Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate** (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births): 10.65

**Perinatal Mortality Rate** (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births): 15.90

**Maternal Mortality** (including abortion):

Number of Deaths: Nil

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births: Nil

**Death Rate:**

|                                                                         |     |      |       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|----------------------|
| Shildon Area                                                            | ... | ...  | 13.84 | per 1,000 population |
| England and Wales                                                       | ... | 11.3 | „     | „                    |
| Deaths in Shildon Area, as per Returns to the Medical Officer of Health | ... | ...  | ...   | ...                  |
| Deaths of Shildon Residents outside the area                            | ... | 88   |       |                      |

**Infantile Mortality Rate:**

The number of Deaths of children under the age of one year is 7, representing an Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births of 37.27. Of these 7, 3 occurred in Shildon.

The Infantile Mortality figure for England and Wales is 20.0 per 1,000 Live Births.

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS**

|                                       | Death Rate per 1,000 pop'n | Inf. Mort. Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births | Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births | Birth Rate per 1,000 pop'n |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Country Average (England & Wales) ... | 11.3                       | 20.0                                            | 16.3                                             | 18.4                       |
| Shildon ... ..                        | 13.84                      | 37.27                                           | <del>16.2</del><br>4.44                          | <del>17.1</del><br>17.2    |

**Births in excess of Deaths:**

|      |     |     |    |      |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1950 | ... | ... | 56 | 1957 | ... | ... | 50  |
| 1951 | ... | ... | 52 | 1958 | ... | ... | 98  |
| 1952 | ... | ... | 58 | 1959 | ... | ... | 74  |
| 1953 | ... | ... | 64 | 1960 | ... | ... | 34  |
| 1954 | ... | ... | 61 | 1961 | ... | ... | 101 |
| 1955 | ... | ... | 27 | 1962 | ... | ... | 104 |
| 1956 | ... | ... | 71 | 1963 | ... | ... | 58  |
|      |     |     |    | 1964 | ... | ... | 74  |

**Population Changes:**

|      |     |     |     |     |        |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| 1955 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,160 |
| 1956 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,050 |
| 1957 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,960 |
| 1958 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,920 |
| 1959 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,910 |
| 1960 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,920 |
| 1961 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,070 |
| 1962 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,130 |
| 1963 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,020 |
| 1964 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,940 |

**Age Groups of Deaths in Shildon:**

| Under<br>1 yr. | 1-5 | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-45 | 45-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | Over<br>80 | Total |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| 3              | —   | —    | 1     | 6     | 11    | 14    | 15    | 19         | 69    |

**Age Groups of Deaths Outside the Area:**

| Under<br>1 yr. | 1-5 | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-45 | 45-60 | 60-70 | 70-80 | Over<br>80 | Total |
|----------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| 4              | 1   | —    | —     | 7     | 14    | 13    | 32    | 17         | 88    |

| Causes of Death, 1964                          | Male | Female |
|------------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| All Causes ... ..                              | 75   | 82     |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ..             | 1    | 2      |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ... ..      | 6    | 2      |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ..              | —    | 3      |
| Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ... .. | 8    | 7      |
| Diabetes ... ..                                | —    | 4      |
| Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..      | 5    | 15     |
| Coronary Disease, Angina ... ..                | 19   | 15     |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease... ..          | 2    | 2      |
| Other Heart Disease ... ..                     | 1    | 10     |
| Other Circulatory Disease... ..                | 7    | 5      |
| Pneumonia ... ..                               | 4    | 3      |
| Bronchitis ... ..                              | 8    | —      |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..           | 2    | —      |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..                 | 1    | 1      |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..                 | 1    | —      |
| Congenital Malformations ... ..                | 1    | 1      |
| Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ... ..  | 3    | 9      |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..                 | 1    | —      |
| All other Accidents... ..                      | 2    | 3      |
| Suicide ... ..                                 | 3    | —      |
|                                                | 75   | 82     |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Table of Cases as notified in the Whole District, set out in age groups (Civilians only)

| Infectious Disease    | Under<br>1 yr. | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-61 | 61 &<br>over | At all<br>ages |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Scarlet Fever ...     | —              | 1   | 3   | 4   | —   | 2    | —     | —     | 1     | —     | —     | —            | 30             |
| Diphtheria ...        | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Pneumonia ...         | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | 3    | —     | —     | 11    | 1     | 7     | 8            | 30             |
| Whooping Cough ...    | —              | —   | 1   | 1   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | 2              |
| Measles ...           | 1              | 10  | 14  | 19  | 24  | 80   | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | 148            |
| Erysipelas ...        | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | 1     | —     | —     | —            | 1              |
| Polionmyelitis ...    | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| <b>TUBERCULOSIS:</b>  |                |     |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |              |                |
| <b>1. MALES:</b>      |                |     |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |              |                |
| (a) Pulmonary ...     | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | 1     | —     | —     | 2     | —            | 3              |
| (b) Non Pulmonary ... | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| <b>2. FEMALES:</b>    |                |     |     |     |     |      |       |       |       |       |       |              |                |
| (a) Pulmonary ...     | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | 1     | —     | —            | 1              |
| (b) Non Pulmonary ... | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Paratyphoid Fever ... | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Meningitis ...        | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Food Poisoning ...    | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Encephalitis ...      | —              | —   | —   | —   | —   | —    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | —              |
| Dysentery ...         | —              | 2   | —   | —   | 1   | 3    | —     | 3     | 1     | —     | —     | —            | 10             |
|                       | 1              | 13  | 18  | 24  | 25  | 107  | —     | 4     | 14    | 2     | 9     | 8            | 225            |

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases remained on the Register at the end of the year:

|               | Pulmonary  | Non-Pulmonary | Total      |
|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Males ... ..  | 74         | 8             | 82         |
| Females... .. | 56         | 15            | 71         |
|               | <u>130</u> | <u>23</u>     | <u>153</u> |

This shows an increase of 4 Pulmonary Cases over the previous year.

The number of known Tuberculosis Cases in the District represents 1.09% of the population, an increase of .03% over the previous year.

There were 4 Cases notified during the year in the following age groups:

|              |     |     |     | Pulmonary |        | Non-Pulmonary |        |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|
|              |     |     |     | Male      | Female | Male          | Female |
| Under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 1-5 years    | ... | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 5-10         | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 10-15        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 15-20        | „   | ... | ... | 1         | —      | —             | —      |
| 20-25        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 25-30        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 30-35        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 35-40        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 40-45        | „   | ... | ... | —         | 1      | —             | —      |
| 45-50        | „   | ... | ... | 2         | —      | —             | —      |
| 50-55        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 55-60        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
| 60-65        | „   | ... | ... | —         | —      | —             | —      |
|              |     |     |     | 3         | 1      | —             | —      |

## VACCINATION RETURNS FOR THE YEAR 1964

### Immunisation against Diphtheria:—

174 No. — Primary Injections.

186 No. — Booster Injections.

### Whooping Cough:—

136 No. — Primary Injections.

86 No. — Booster Injections.

### Tetanus Injections:—

182 No. — Primary Injections.

139 No. — Booster Injections.

### Smallpox Vaccinations:—

57 No. — Primary Vaccination.

4 No. — Re-Vaccination.

### Poliomyelitis Vaccination:—

2 No. — Received Second Salk Injection.

188 No. — Received third Oral.

120 No. — Received reinforcement.

### B.C.G. Vaccination:—

101 No. — Children were Heaf Tested.

9 No. — Children were found to be Positive.

85 No. — Children were found to be Negative.

85 No. — Children were Vaccinated.

## HOME HELP SERVICE

|                                                      |        |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Number of cases receiving Home Help at 1.1.1964      | ...    | 111 |
| New cases received during year                       | ... .. | 37  |
| Total number of cases provided with help during year | ...    | 148 |
| Cases terminated during the year                     | ... .. | 30  |
| Cases receiving service at 31.12.1964                | ... .. | 118 |

## PARTICULARS OF DISTRICT

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (in acres) including Eldon, Old Eldon, Mid-<br>dridge and Brusselton ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,828    |
| No. of inhabited houses in the District of which<br>77 were constructed during the year, 20 Con-<br>demned/Closed and Demolition Orders served<br>under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957, 11<br>and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. The tenants<br>of such houses demolished being re-housed by<br>this Council ... .. | 4,666    |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £1,050   |
| Rateable Value ... ..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | £272,643 |

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Refuse Collection:

Domestic, Shop and Trade Refuse is collected throughout the area by regular weekly collection provided by the Council. The disposal of the refuse is done by controlled tipping at Sunnydale Tip in a most satisfactory manner.

### Collection of Salvage:

This service is continued along with the normal collection of household refuse in the area:

| Description        | Tons | Cwts. | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------|------|-------|----|----|----|
| Scrap Metal ... .. | 3    | 13    | 40 | 16 | 6  |

### Drains and Sewerage:

The drains and sewers continue to work in a satisfactory manner.

Analytical tests of the final effluent from the Sewage Disposal Works have tended to prove unsatisfactory as regards suspended solids. Whilst this doubtless is due, partially, to the prolonged periods of wet weather in the past year, it may well be desirable that consideration be given to modernisation of the works.

All new drains to buildings are subject to test before being passed.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA— *continued*

### **Rodent Control:**

Private businesses and dwelling houses were treated as and where necessary—a charge being made to properties other than dwelling house property, and complete sewer treatments were carried out during the year. A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the purpose of carrying out this work.

The public continue to report promptly to the Council Offices any infestation of rats and mice being found on their property.

No. of premises visited

311

No. of baits laid

2,563

The number of visits made during the year on Rat Infested premises during which treatment was carried out being ... 1,875

### **Water Supply:**

The Durham County Water Board took 36 samples of treated water during the year for bacteriological examination. All were reported satisfactory.

Mainsforth water is the supply to this area.

The fluoride content is estimated to be 1.0 p.p.m.

(a) The water supply to the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

(b) The total number of bacteriological samples taken in the Shildon area during 1964 was 91. Of these, 68 were classed as satisfactory, 5 were suspicious and 18 unsatisfactory.

(c) The water supply to Shildon is not plumbo-solvent, the hardness varying from 50-150 parts per million.

(d) Chlorination is carried out after all main repairs, and bacteriological tests are made until a satisfactory result is obtained.

(e) There are 4,714 dwelling houses supplied, 114 lock-up shops or offices and 116 metered trade supplies.

## Summary of Notices and work done in the Public Health Inspectors Department during the Year ended 1964.

### Houses erected in area:

|                                         | With State Assistance | Unaided | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| (a) By Local Authority ... ..           | 64                    | —       | 64    |
| (b) By any other Local Authority ... .. | —                     | —       | —     |
| (c) By private persons ... ..           | —                     | 13      | 13    |
|                                         | 64                    | 13      | 77    |

## 2. Closing and Demolition of Houses.

### (a) Formal Action:

|                                                                                                                      | No. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (i) No. of houses demolished during the year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action ... ..          | 30  |
| (ii) No. of houses Closed but not demolished as a result of formal action ... ..                                     | 11  |
| (iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed ... .. | 13  |
| (iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation ... ..                                                          | 2   |

### (b) Informal Action:

|                                                                                                                      |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above ... .. | — |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|

## 3. Reconditioning and Repair.

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:—

|                                                      | No. |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (a) As a result of informal action ... ..            | 92  |
| (b) By owners as a result of statutory notice ... .. | 2   |
| (c) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..   | —   |

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA— *continued*

4.

### (a) Water, Food and Drugs:

|                                                                                                            | No. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Samples of water taken for Analysis (water samples are taken by the Durham County Water Board) ... ..      | 36  |
| No isolated samples were taken by this Council as this is the function of the Durham County Council ... .. | —   |
| Seizures of unwholesome food (voluntarily surrendered) ... ..                                              | 245 |
| Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis or found to be adulterated ... ..                             | 2   |
| Number of cases of food adulteration reported to this Council ... ..                                       | 2   |

### (b) Precautions against Infectious Diseases:

|                                                 |   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Lots of Infectious Bedding Stoved or Destroyed  | 1 |
| Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease ... | 4 |

### (c) General:

|                                                   |       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of new houses Erected during the year      | 64    |
| Number of such houses Occupied during the year    | 64    |
| Total number of Water Closets in the District ... | 5,105 |
| Total number of Ash-pit privies in District ...   | 61    |

## MILK RETAILERS

There are 6 Retail Purveyors in the District who are supplying either Pasteurised or Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk.

Regular samples are taken for testing by the Durham County Council Weights and Measures Department who have reported satisfactory results during the year.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA— *continued*

### SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Under the provisions of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, there are 4 slaughterhouses. The 4 slaughterhouses concerned are each attached to the retail shop for which they are used, and conform to the standards laid down under the provisions of the above Act, and have been duly licensed thereunder. All animals slaughtered have been subject to inspection which has amounted to 100%. A high standard of cleanliness has been maintained in the slaughterhouses throughout the period.

The slaughterhouses have also been inspected by the Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and have been found satisfactory.

The 4 slaughterhouses concerned are as follows:—

- (1) J. N. Percival ... 25, Church Street, Shildon.
- (2) J. Studham ... 49, Church Street, Shildon.
- (3) F. S. Hodgson ... 13, St. John's Road, Shildon.
- (4) E. Smith (Jnr.) ... 9, Redworth Road, Shildon.

The total number of animals inspected during the year being:—

|           |     |     | Animals<br>Slaughtered |
|-----------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Cattle    | ... | ... | 213                    |
| Sheep ... | ... | ... | 408                    |
| Pigs ...  | ... | ... | 243                    |

### HOUSING

(a) The Council's Pre- and Post-War Housing Programmes are summarised as follows:—

|                                               |     |     |     |     |     | No.<br>Erected |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| 1919 Act                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 124            |
| 1930-1935 Act:                                |     |     |     |     |     |                |
| North Eastern Housing Association, Newcastle. |     |     |     |     |     |                |
| (Let by this Council)                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100            |

## HOUSING—*continued*

|                                        | No.<br>Erected |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Post-War Temporary Housing ... ..      | 23             |
| Post-War Permanent Housing ... ..      | 930            |
| Post-War Aged Persons Bungalows ... .. | 178            |
| Post-War Flats ... ..                  | 58             |
| (28 available for Old Aged Persons)    |                |

### (b) Slum Clearance Programme:

The area has now been reviewed with a view to the estimated length of life of the properties within the Urban District, between the period 1963-1981. Properties have been designated under the following categories, those with a life of 5 years, 10 years and 18 years, commencing 1963 and the total number of houses affected in this programme is 982, which envisages a Clearance Programme over the next 18 years concerned of approximately 50 houses per year. Most of the properties concerned will ultimately be cleared to make way for further development.

### (c) Re-Housing:

During the year ended 31st December, 1964, 125 houses were let to the following groups, in accordance with the Council's allocation of houses Scheme:

|                               | No.             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Points ... ..                 | 97              |
| Individual Unfit Houses... .. | 20              |
| Medical Cases ... ..          | 1               |
| Key Workers ... ..            | 3               |
| Eviction Cases ... ..         | 4               |
|                               | <hr/> 125 <hr/> |

(d) The number of houses built by the Council during the year was 64, situated on the Jubilee Field Estate and Hackworth Close.

The allocation of Council houses is made on the following grounds:

- (1) Clearance.
- (2) Points.

together with serious medical cases. Special provisions being made to allocate bungalows to old people within the town itself.

Persons requiring housing accommodation, should complete the Housing Application Form, obtainable at the Council Offices, for inclusion on the following year's Housing List.

The number of applicants remaining on the Housing and Bungalow List at 31st December, 1964, were as follows:—

| Applications | Type of dwelling required |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 115          | Two bedroom house.        |
| 37           | Three bedroom house.      |
| 158          | Bungalows.                |

**Part I—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair:**

|     |                                                                                             |     |     |   |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| (a) | No. of applications for Certificates                                                        | ... | ... | — |
| (b) | No. of decisions not to issue Certificates                                                  | ... | ... | — |
| (c) | No. of decisions to issue Certificates—                                                     |     |     |   |
|     | (i) in respect of some but not all defects                                                  | ... | ... | — |
|     | (ii) in respect of all defects                                                              | ... | ... | — |
| (d) | No. of undertakings given by Landlords under para. 5 of the 1st Schedule                    | ... | ... | — |
| (e) | No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to para. 5 of the 1st Schedule | ... | ... | — |
| (f) | No. of Certificates issued                                                                  | ... | ... | — |

**Part II—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates:**

|     |                                                                               |     |     |   |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| (g) | Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificates | ... | ... | — |
| (h) | Objections by Tenants to cancellation of Certificates                         | ... | ... | — |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (i) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of Tenant's objections | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (j) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority                              |     |     |     | ... | — |

**(e) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 (Standard Grants).**

The following is a summary of applications received under the provisions of the above Act, from January, 1964—31st December, 1964:—

|                                    |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (i) No. of applications received   | ... | ... | ... | 98 |
| (ii) No. of applications approved  | ... | ... | ... | 89 |
| (iii) No. of applications rejected | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| (iv) No. of improvements completed | ... | ... | ... | 56 |

It is pleasing to note the continued efforts of the Shildon Accident Prevention Society. During the year 1963/1964, the team were successful in winning Cycling Proficiency Tests held at the North Yorkshire and South West Durham Cyclists Meet at Richmond.

During this period, 132 children were trained in cycling proficiency as follows:

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| (a) First year.  | 82 No.  |
| (b) Second year. | 28 No.  |
| (c) Third year.  | 11 No.  |
| (d) Fourth year. | 7 No.   |
| (e) Fifth year.  | 4 No.   |
|                  | <hr/>   |
|                  | 132 No. |
|                  | <hr/>   |

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Regular visits were paid to the factories in the area and, in general, conditions were found to be good.

I would like to acknowledge the consideration and courtesy shown to me by my Council and express my thanks to the staff of the Health Department for another year's good work.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HEGARTY,

*Medical Officer of Health,  
Shildon Urban District Council.*



